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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Morris G. Haney and Roy L. Thein	ATTY DKT NO.: P-7627
SERIAL NO.: 09/989,512	GROUP ART UNIT: 3679
FILED: November 20, 2001	EXAMINER: David Bochna
TITLE: Submersible Pump Drop Pipe and Casing Assembly Connection and Method of Manufacture	
TO: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 10, 2003

Dear Examiner Bochna:

This correspondence is being filed as a full response to the Office Action of January 10, 2003.

RESTRICTION OR ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Examiner opines that the inventions in Applicant's patent application are distinct and requires restriction of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to an apparatus, classified in Class 285, subclass 390
- II. Claims 9-17, drawn to a method of making, classified in Class 29, subclass 890.14+

Applicant elects Group I drawn to an apparatus without traverse.

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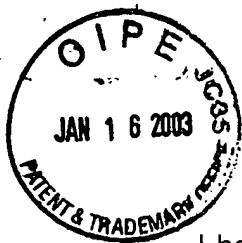
REMARKS

Applicant has considered all points made by the Examiner in his Office Action dated January 10, 2003 and has incorporated Examiner's suggestions to ensure compliance with the applicable rules. If impediments to prosecution of the elected claims remain and a telephone conference between the undersigned and the Examiner would help remove such impediments in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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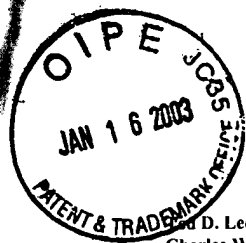
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RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/989,512 filed November 20, 2001 entitled
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Manufacture"

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following items for filing on the above referenced invention:

1. Response to Office Action of January 10, 2003 with Certificate of Mailing

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